

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The office action of May 16, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-5, 9-17, and 21-30 remain in this application. Claims 6-8 and 18-20 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-5, 9-17, and 21-30 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of U.S. patent no. 6,789,229. Notwithstanding the merits of the rejection, Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer herewith.

With the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer, all rejections are deemed moot. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

All rejections having been addressed, applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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